

Claims:

1. A method of treating coloured fabrics with a luminance (L*) less than 50 which comprises contacting the
5 fabrics with a wash liquor comprising:
 - a) 0.1-0.001 g/L of a hydroxy C2-C4 alkyl derivative of a beta 1-4 polysaccharide, and,
 - 10 b) surfactant.
2. A method according to claim 1 wherein the fabrics are black.
- 15 3. A method according to claim 1 wherein hydroxy C2-C4 alkyl derivative of a beta 1-4 polysaccharide is a cellulose derivative.
4. A method according to claim 1 wherein the hydroxy C2-C4
20 alkyl derivative is a hydroxy ethyl derivative.
5. A method according to claim 1 wherein the degree of substitution of the hydroxy C2-C4 alkyl derivative (DS) is 1-3.
- 25 6. A method according to claim 1 wherein the degree of substitution of the hydroxy C2-C4 alkyl derivative (DS) is 1.5-2.25.
- 30 7. A method according to claim 1 wherein the hydroxy C2-C4 alkyl derivative is hydroxy ethyl cellulose.

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8. A method according to claim 1 wherein the molecular weight of the hydroxy C2-C4 alkyl derivative of a beta 1-4 polysaccharide is 100,000 to 500,000 Dalton.
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9. A method according to claim 1 wherein the molecular weight of the hydroxy C2-C4 alkyl derivative of a beta 1-4 polysaccharide is 100,000 to 300,000 Dalton.
- 10 10. A method according to claim 1 wherein the hydroxy C2-C4 alkyl derivative of a beta 1-4 polysaccharide is such that viscosity of the material is 300-400 cps at 2%wt solution in water.